

# Eye on Campus

## Job-search help goes beyond graduation

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With many graduating seniors this spring, there will be a lot of students looking for employment opportunities and the job market, especially now, is not all that promising.

May 15 there will be a senior reception, inviting all graduates to inform them

of what's going on in the job market today, to assist them in finding a job after college, and to recognize that they are now part of the alumni association.

There will be employers there to network to the students.

"Career Services still wants to be supportive of students even after they graduate," said Sharmon Bryant, assistant director of student life.

The event will take place at Kings Mile

Banquet Room in Media off of Rt.452. It is a banquet room owned by Penn State alumnus Tom King.

The reception will start at 5 p.m. and end between 7 and 8 p.m. This is a free event to all upcoming graduates, but there's a small fee to those wishing to bring guest.

"[This is taking place] for job search assistance [to students], [it is not to place students with a job]," Bryant said.

Employers will be present to assist students in any questions they may have on the current job market, and what to expect after graduation.

"Penn State alumni [are very well recognized by many employers and will them in the market.]," Bryant said. "[It is very] helpful to students."

It will help students to know what to expect from the market, and assist them in being successful in their careers.

## EURECA puts its research on display

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The Exhibition of Undergraduate Research Enterprise and Creative Accomplishment (EURECA), which showcases the research activities of Penn State Delco students, was held April 24. This is the first year that the Delco campus has participated in this event.

The exhibition was held in the Classroom Building lounge. A program that contained information about the students presenting and their abstracts was handed out at the door and most students had posters that displayed their research.

Toni Hoffman, a student in the College of Communications, was among them. Her project investigated the erosion of sediment at Ocean City, Md. and Assteague Island. Her display included a microscope for guests to view the sand samples.

Jason Wark was another student who displayed his research at this event. He did research on Ephedrine, a popular weight-loss drug that has created controversy.

There were two 15-minute slide-show presentations given in the Classroom Building Auditorium. The students who gave these presentations were Chris Praskac, an information science and technology major, and James Davis, a mechanical engineering major.

There were refreshments at this event, including Penn State Creamery ice cream. Many people outside of the campus attended Eureka.

At the end of the event, students who displayed their research received awards for their participation.

## A tree grows



Photo by Meredith Becker

In honor of Earth Day, the campus planted four trees and many flowers. The tree pictured above is outside the Classroom building. It was a team effort to get the trees in the ground, many people pitched in to dig the holes.

## IST majors form first Delco class to receive degrees

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es. Each student seems to have his own definition of what an IST major is, some think that it's more program bases, while others think that it's more network oriented.

**LE:** What do you wish there had been more of in the curriculum for the major?

**Jyoti:** More hardware classes. I am one of a handful of girls in this major so I got intimidated, especially in the first class that I took for the major.

**LE:** Why, what happened?

**Jyoti:** Well from the beginning I was intimidated because I took one of the major courses at night, so there were a lot of older people there. Well older than me anyway. So I decided to drop the course and try again in a day class the next semester.

**LE:** And how did that go?

**Jyoti:** A lot better. Mr. McGlinchey was the teacher and I met a lot of the friends that I have in it. So I was able to get a better handle on everything.

**LE:** And now you have one of the top GPA's in your major.

**Jyoti:** Yep. It was all thanks to the peo-

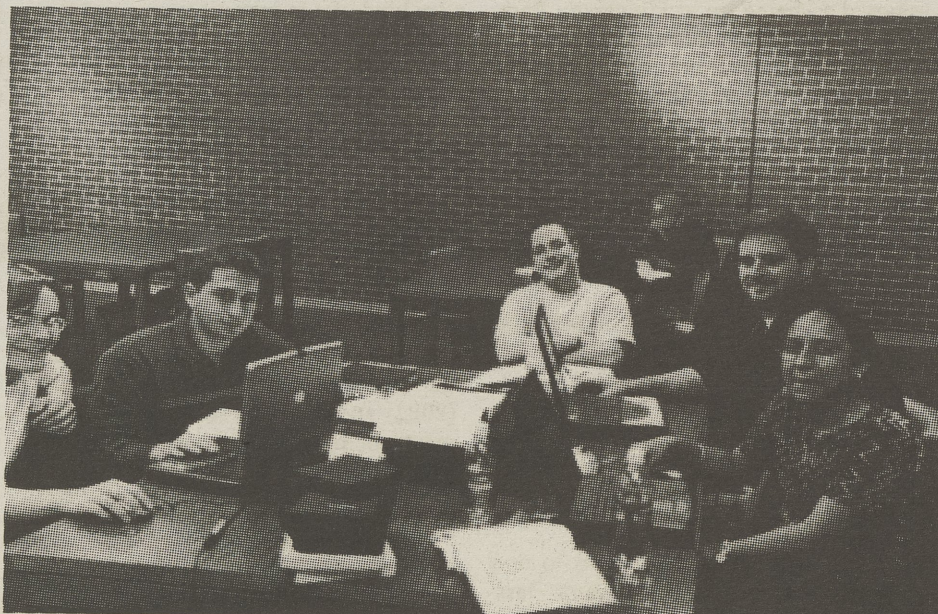


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Pictured left to right are Matt Rodenbaugh, Pete Botos, Phil Kapetanakis, Mike Giordano, and Jyoti Kaur. All five are working hard for their finals. Matt, Pete, Mike and Jyoti will graduate in May, Phil graduates next year.

ple that I met. That was a really important part of my whole experience here, teamwork. Mike Giordano was the all-around help desk for any problem I had. Matt

Rodenbaugh was the programming "guru" and Pete Botos would always help by relating things to Sears. That was very important.

**LE:** You guys are always hanging out together when I see you. What's on of the funniest memories you have from the group?

**Jyoti:** I guess the time that Matt unplugged [Professor's name omitted to protect Matt] projector one day before class. The professor thought that it was the batteries or something so he went to change them then tried again [to no avail] by then the class time was over and we were all laughing.

**LE:** Well I guess my final question will look to the future, do you have any advice for future IST majors, perhaps the girls?

**Jyoti:** Just to hang in there. It may be tough in the beginning but it only gets better. Also, get a good team to work with. It's all about teams.

*The Lion's Eye would like to wish Jyoti and all of the rest of the IST majors the best of luck in their futures.*